



Department of Veterans Affairs

Post-Vietnam Veterans' Educational Assistance Program (VEAP)

What is VEAP ?

The Post-Vietnam Veterans' Educational Assistance Program, or "VEAP" for short, is an education benefit for veterans who paid into VEAP while they were in the service. Eligible veterans may be entitled to as much as 36 months of training. Eligibility usually ends 10 years after getting out of the service, but the time limit can be longer in certain cases. Eligible veterans may pursue any of the following types of training:

- ✧ College or University Programs
- ✧ Business, Technical or Vocational Training
- ✧ Apprentice/On-the-Job Training
- ✧ Remedial, Deficiency, and Refresher Training (in some cases)
- ✧ Correspondence Courses
- ✧ Flight Training, in some cases
- ✧ High School Diploma or equivalent

Note: Program must be approved for VA training.

Who is Eligible ?

You may be eligible if you're still on active duty, call the toll-free number below for details about your eligibility for VEAP or to find out if you may switch to the Montgomery Bill.

- ✧ You were discharged under conditions other than dishonorable **AND**
- ✧ You first entered active duty after December 31, 1976, and before July 1, 1985, **AND**
- ✧ You contributed to VEAP before April 1, 1987 **AND**
- ✧ You served long enough to qualify (See box below)

Length of Service Requirement: You generally had to complete 24 continuous months of active duty. Please contact the toll-free number if you have less service, as there are some exceptions.

Note: Contributions may be refunded. Please call toll-free number below for more information.

What Does VA Pay ?

The total dollar amount of your benefits is the sum of:

- ✧ Your total contributions, **PLUS**
- ✧ Matching funds from VA equal to 2 times your contributions, **PLUS**
- ✧ Any DOD contributions or "kickers"

The monthly amount you'll receive is based on the total (above), the number of months you contributed, the type of training you're in, and your training time.

How Can I Apply ?

When you find a program approved for VA training, you can apply for VEAP by filling out VA Form 22-1990, Application for Education Benefits. *You can also apply on line through our website at <http://vabenefits.vba.va.gov/vonapp>.*

Related Benefits

Work-Study Program

Noncontributory VEAP (Sec. 903)

Tutorial Assistance

Refund of Contributions

**For More Information Call Toll-Free at 1-888-GIBILL-1 (1-888-442-4551)
or Visit Our Web Site at www.gibill.va.gov**